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From: Michael.McAdams@hklaw.com
Sent: Mon 4/1/2013 1:59:52 PM

Chris: Is it true we are on for Thursday at 11. I would like to bring Glenn along with me if possible.

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To: Argyropoulos, Paul[Argyropoulos.Paul@epa.gov]
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From: Brooke Coleman
Sent: Wed 3/27/2013 6:07:08 PM
Subject: FW: Study: Renewable fuel credits not causing high gasoline prices

Fyi. We need to be in the study business.

From: POLITICO Pro Whiteboard [mailto:politicoemail@politicopro.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 1:15 PM
To: Brooke Coleman
Subject: Study: Renewable fuel credits not causing high gasoline prices

3/27/13 1:13 PM EDT

A new study commissioned by renewable fuels advocates says renewable fuel credit costs are not a factor in high prices at the pump.

“Considering both the ethanol price advantage versus gasoline and the direct cost of currently elevated RIN prices, there is actually a net benefit to consumers due to the usage of ethanol within the renewable fuel standard,” the analysis says.

— *Erica Martinson*

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Sent: Fri 3/15/2013 10:08:59 PM
Subject: Fwd: Letter from the Embassy of Canada re. U.S. Renewable Fuels Standard

fyi.

----- Original message -----

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From: Jeff Passmore <jeff@passmoregroup.ca>
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Cc: Brooke Coleman <BColeman@advancedethanol.org>, bwalsh@zeachem.com, Chris Wilcox <cwilcox@zeachem.com>, John Kasbaum <John.Kasbaum@kior.com>, Adam Youngman <adam.youngman@kior.com>

All,

Below please find the letter sent yesterday from the Canadian Embassy DC to Chris Grundler at EPA.

I believe we should now seek a follow up meeting with Chris and his staff.

I had suggested we meet EPA during ABLC. Brooke (AEC) has suggested that perhaps we can combine our meeting with one the AEC has requested at the same time.

While this makes logistical sense, it may place too many items on one agenda resulting in little substantive discussion on any one issue and thus little progress.

Thoughts?

Jeff

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Subject: Letter from the Embassy of Canada re. U.S. Renewable Fuels Standard

Mr. Chris Grundler

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality (6401A)

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20460

March 14, 2013

Dear Mr. Grundler:

We are following up on an issue brought to the Canadian Embassy's attention over the past year.

The matter of concern relates to the U.S. Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS), and whether U.S. statutory limitations concerning federal lands are relevant to wood derived cellulosic ethanol from Canadian forests.

In order to establish the facts relating to this matter, a group of five primarily U.S. companies met with your administration on July 12, 2012. Since then they reached out to the Canadian Embassy on the same subject. These companies involved are as follows:

- Enerkem
- KiOR
- Mascoma
- Rentech
- ZeaChem

The Embassy was not involved in this initial meeting with the EPA, but understands that the following EPA representatives were involved:

Mr. Paul Argyropoulos
Senior Policy Advisor,
Office of Transportation and Air Quality

Ms. Lindsay Fitzgerald
Environmental Protection Specialist
Compliance and Innovative Strategies Division

Ms. Lori Stewart,
Associate Director,
Office of Transportation and Air Quality

Furthermore, we understand that your predecessor, Ms. Margo Oge, was briefed on the meeting.

Following this meeting, on August 24th, at the request of your EPA colleagues, the group followed up by forwarding sample Forest Management Agreements for the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and BC for review to the EPA.

On September 11th, the EPA informed the group that they needed until October 2012 to study this material prior to having any subsequent meetings.

From our research in to the situation, in collaboration with our colleagues and various Canadian government organizations, we have ascertained that forest ownership in Canada is at the level of the provinces, and that Canadian forests are for the most part not classified as federal lands.

For added clarity on this issue, we are including specific information from Natural Resources Canada and the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, who we requested address this issue:

Regarding Canada's land ownership, ninety-three percent (93%) of Canada's forests are publicly owned, with seventy-seven percent (77%) ownership by provinces and territories, sixteen percent (16%) ownership by the federal government and seven percent (7%) of forest land privately owned by more than 450 000 landowners.

As per Canada's 1867 Constitution, provinces and territories have legislative authority over the

conservation and management of the forest resources on the public land in their jurisdictions. For over a century, they have developed and enforced legislation, regulations and policies, allocated timber licenses, collected forest management fees and gathered data. Specific laws and regulations between provinces and territories may differ, but they all strive toward the same goal of sustainable forest management that considers all values, including wildlife, fisheries, soils, biodiversity, communities, watersheds and scenery. This is similar to the jurisdiction of U.S. states over their public lands. Most of the federal land, by contrast, is in protected areas or park lands, and in those areas the wood is generally not available for commercial harvesting. In 2010, federal harvest was 0.5% of total harvest.

Regarding regeneration, the vast majority of forest management including harvesting in Canada takes place in natural forests rather than managed plantations. Forest harvesting has been adapted to encourage natural regeneration (mostly in Quebec and Ontario). Forest companies are obligated to promptly regenerate the forests that have been harvested on public land and they also may be required to manage the land for other values, depending on each specific tenure agreement. These agreements vary from province to province, and vary in duration, reporting requirements, and obligations. The provincial/territorial governments monitor and assess the companies' activities, and ensure tenure agreement compliance, including in relation to regeneration requirements and biodiversity conservation. On any given site, forest regeneration can take the form of natural forest regeneration and/or artificial regeneration (e.g. aerial seeding, seedling planting), depending on ecological and site conditions. To a great extent, seeded and planted trees are from native species, local provenance and this regeneration does not significantly alter forest composition at the regional scale.

Most of Canada's wood pellets are made from ground and compressed wood fibre, which originates from sawmill residues (90%) or forest harvesting residues (10%). In some regions of Canada, depending on the site, and natural disturbance (e.g. Mountain Pine Beetle, severe wind damaged areas), whole tree harvesting has been an approach used to harvest the fibre for biomass, typically as part of broader land-management activities. In some regions, jurisdictions are experimenting with whole tree harvesting methods on areas such as marginal lands for purpose-grown fast growing species for biomass use as well. However, these practices are still very limited and sustainable forest management principles are still applied.

We trust this helps to address some of the issues that this group is trying to resolve. We would be pleased to speak with you further on this, if you would require additional information or clarification.

Best regards,

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To: Grundler, Christopher[grundler.christopher@epa.gov]
From: Brooke Coleman
Sent: Fri 3/15/2013 6:16:10 PM
Subject: RE: Checking in on 17th

Thanks Chris. Hope we can get something done. Good group in town. Thanks.

From: Grundler, Christopher [mailto:grundler.christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 11:02 PM
To: Brooke Coleman
Subject: Re: Checking in on 17th

Brooke-we'll need to get back with you on this. April uncertain at the moment due to Tier 3 public hearing schedule not yet set

Chris

From: Brooke Coleman
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 11:56:45 AM
To: Grundler, Christopher
Subject: Checking in on 17th

Hey Chris,

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To: Grundler, Christopher[grundler.christopher@epa.gov]
From: Brian Jennings
Sent: Fri 3/8/2013 6:16:02 PM
Subject: Corn kernel fiber RFS2 pathway clarification

Chris,

First let me introduce myself and thank you for agreeing to speak during our fly-in the morning of March 14. I'm the executive vice president for the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE). I met with Margo quite a few times in the past and have heard good things about you – looking forward to meeting you.

Second, a lot of ACE members are innovating to meet RFS2 pathways, whether that be grain sorghum or corn fiber, and one of our members (Quad County Corn Processors, Galva, IA) contacted us this week about a pending rule clarification – or at least a comment period on it. Would you be willing to take a look at the email below and let me know if there are any updates?

We'll probably have other questions like this for you the morning of March 14, along with potential questions on E15 and Reid Vapor Pressure. Thanks much, look forward to meeting you.

Brian

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From: Delayne Johnson [<mailto:delaynej@quad-county.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2013 9:41 AM
To: Lacey Dixon
Cc: Travis Brotherson
Subject: EPA - corn kernel fiber RFS2 pathway clarification

Lacey,

Quad County is preparing to break ground on a facility that will process the corn kernel cellulose into cellulosic ethanol. I have met with EPA along with Geoff Cooper from RFA and their attorney Shannon Broom. EPA keeps telling Geoff that the rule clarification is included in the next round of rule clarifications that were to be posted for comment late last summer. I have attempted to contact the EPA direct with no return calls.

We are permitting to construct the facility this summer which means we will be signing contracts in the near future. I am hopeful that someone from ACE may be able to make a contact to check the status of the rule clarification on the corn kernel fiber. I feel like the clarification will happen but Quad will be signing an 8.5 million dollar contract. I would like to take the risk out of the decision. If we wait much longer, the grants we worked hard to receive will go away. These are worth 5.7 million.

All of this is unbelievable knowing that the oil companies are complaining that there is no cellulosic ethanol to purchase! If the EPA would have made the rule clarification last summer, we may have the facility close to ready to make 2 million gallons per year from cellulose.

I am happy to talk to you about this when you have time. I am fighting a bad sinus cold today and my voice is compromised (almost gone) so having a call next week may make the most sense.

Please let me know how else I can help move this forward.

Regards,

Delayne D. Johnson

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Sent: Fri 2/1/2013 10:36:16 PM
Subject: The rising tide of ethanol

<http://data.worldbank.org/topic/health>

<http://data.worldbank.org/topic/agriculture-and-rural-development>

"A rising tide lifts all boats"

Ethanol is a rising tide helping lift agricultural boats around the world out of rural poverty.

Bullet points:

- 1) 70% of the world's poor live in rural agricultural areas but incomes are improving.
- 2) World 2001 life expectancy 67,...now 70...UP 4.5%
- 3) World 2001 mortality rate per child under 5 was 71 per thousand...now 51...DOWN 28%
- 4) World 2000 maternal mortality rate per 100,000 was 320...now 210...Down 34%
- 5) In Ethiopia 84% of their population live in rural areas mostly working in agriculture.
- 6) Ethiopia percent of population in poverty in 2004 38.9%...now 29.6%...Down 24%
- 7) Our opponents want to talk about Guatemala but they appear to be the exception not the rule.

Worldwide stunted growth is down, delayed development is down, rural GDP is up.

We have done an abysmal job of getting these facts out.

Be proud, Be bold, We are American ethanol and we ARE the answer!

Rick Schwarck
Chairmen, President, CEO
Absolute Energy LLC

*"now" is the most recent data published by the world bank

Meekins, Tanya

From: Larry Schafer <lschafer@biodiesel.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 8:08 PM
To: Grundler, Christopher
Cc: Argyropoulos, Paul; Bunker, Byron
Subject: One more question on Biodiesel and Las Vegas

Chris,

Thanks for the note ... I discussed with my team that you would not be able to attend the NBB Conference and Expo ... We clearly understand ...

As an alternative ... here is a thought ... because we really think it helps our reciprocal relationship and because we want to provide EPA with positive exposure at our conference ...

Would you consider pre- taping a 3 to 5 minute piece which would give us a chance to introduce you as the new Director of OTAQ -- explain to folks how long you have been in this business as the Assistant -- and give us a chance to say nice things about you and the leadership of EPA on renewable fuels issues?

And then allow YOU to greet our conference attendees (about 1200) -- wish us a Happy 20th Anniversary as an Industry -- and tell us you look forward to working with us in 2013 and beyond ...

It would be a nice touch for both EPA and NBB ...

We have a an outstanding film team we could send to you on short notice ... and I don't think you need to prepare anything ...

What do you think? Is it worth a shot?

Thanks and let me know.

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Sent: Friday, January 04, 2013 12:11 AM
To: Larry Schafer
Subject: Vegas

Larry,

I apologize for the late reply; I thought I had replied but did not. I regret that I am unable to participate in your annual meeting but as you now know i have asked Byron to participate. I hope your meeting is a success.

Happy New Year,

Chris

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To: Mary Giglio[MGiglio@ethanolrfa.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Tue 1/13/2015 3:38:07 PM
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at the National Ethanol Conference

Good Morning Mary. A quick note to confirm my participation in your conference. Pls send me any logistical information I might need, as well as information on the panel

Chris

From: Mary Giglio [mailto:MGiglio@ethanolrfa.org]
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 9:27 AM
To: Grundler, Christopher
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at the National Ethanol Conference

Thanks, Chris! Hope you can make it.

Mary

From: Grundler, Christopher [mailto:grundler.christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 2:28 PM
To: Mary Giglio
Cc: EthanolRFA
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at the National Ethanol Conference

Hi Mary—

Happy 2015! Im very sorry for the delay in responding. Thanks for the invitation again this year. I am interested in attending, but need to work out a couple of pending requests for that same time period. I hope to have an answer for you by week's end or early next.

Chris

From: Mary Giglio [mailto:MGiglio@ethanolrfa.org]

Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 10:35 AM
To: Grundler, Christopher
Cc: EthanolRFA
Subject: Invitation to speak at the National Ethanol Conference

Dear Chris,

On behalf of the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), I would like to invite you to participate as a speaker in the **RFA's 20th Annual National Ethanol Conference: Going Global**, which will be held February 18-20, 2015 at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas.

The National Ethanol Conference is recognized as the premier forum for industry interaction, networking and education on marketing and policy issues affecting the ethanol industry. We anticipate an audience of more than 1,200 including ethanol and petroleum executives; fuel marketers and blenders; transportation officials; public policy makers; environment and energy officials; agricultural leaders; industry suppliers; academic and research institutions; and consumer and environmental advocates.

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We hope that you will consider participating, and I look forward to discussing this opportunity with you further.

Best,

Bob Dinneen

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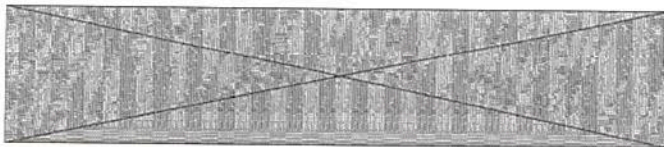
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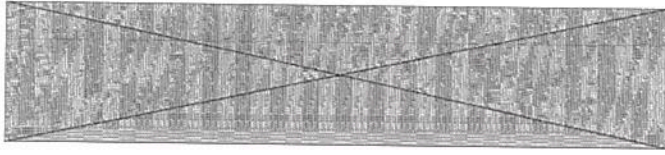
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Subject: Re: Rfs rumor

I will call you in the morning

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Original Message
From: Michael.McAdams@hklaw.com
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To: Argyropoulos, Paul; Grundler, Christopher
Subject: Fw: Rfs rumor

Here is the latest.

Sent using BlackBerry

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From: Rachel Gantz [mailto:rgantz@opisnet.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 04:46 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: McAdams, Michael J (WAS - X75140)
Subject: Rfs rumor

That tomorrow is the today and they'll make 2014 a guidance year
Sent from my iPhone

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To: Brooke Coleman[BColeman@advancedethanol.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Thur 10/2/2014 4:50:51 PM
Subject: Re: as a consumer

Brooke,
So I don't know if she drives the 4 or 6 cylinder version.


Assuming she has the 4 cylinder automatic, the combined label EPA label value is 26 mpg and the average of 8 vehicles on FuelEconomy.Gov is 26.1 mpg. (where drivers can report their mileage)

There aren't any consumer reports on the 6 cylinder version for 2014 and for 2013 there is only one report. The 6 cylinder is rated at 20 mpg and the one individual for 2013 is reporting 24.8 mpg.

Another consumer website where people can report their mileage is fuelly.com. Fuelly combines the 2014 Outbacks (again 4 cylinders are rated at 26 mpg and the 6 cylinders at 20 mpg). The fuelly average for 165 2014 Subaru Outbacks is 25.5 mpg based on more than 1.2 million miles of reported driving. If you filter out the 6 cylinders the number rises to 25.7 mpg versus a label value of 26 mpg.

Many factors can impact real world fuel economy results, as you know. The biggest factor being the driver. Is your spouse an enthusiastic driver?! Does she carry gear on the roof rack? A lot of heavy cargo routinely?

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Thanks ... wife drives 2014 Outback and that thing does not get what it says it gets, even at 55.

NOT SO FAST, MERCEDES: Erica Martinson reports: The EPA is requiring changes to fuel-

economy labels for two Mercedes vehicles - the 2013 and 2014 models of the C300 4Matic flex-fuel vehicle and C300 4Matic partial-zero-emission vehicle - after discovering during an audit that the fuel economy values submitted to the agency were slightly higher than they should have been. The flex-fuel model gets 19 miles per gallon in the city, not 20 mpg as the company said. The combined mpg - 22 - is not changed. The PZEV gets 19 mpg city and 28 mpg highway, as opposed to 20 mpg and 29 mpg. Its combined mileage dropped to 22 mpg from 23 mpg. The agency said Mercedes underestimated aerodynamic drag and tire rolling resistance. "Even though the adjustments are small, it is important that our oversight system is producing the correct results because even one mpg matters to consumers," said Christopher Grundler, director of the EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

R. Brooke Coleman

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To: Brooke Coleman[BColeman@advancedethanol.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Sun 9/21/2014 5:31:30 PM
Subject: Re: NY Times Ad: Obama Own Worst Enemy on Climate?

Thanks Brooke. We'd love to get an update on when actual production will start. Still waiting

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Asst. Admin. McCabe,

Please see below. I know you and your team are not yet convinced that this issue is this serious, but our companies are trying to make it clear that it is. We are not comfortable attacking like this, but we are telling the truth and remain in a very difficult spot. Happy to discuss further. - brooke

----- Original message -----

From: Brooke Coleman
Date: 09/21/2014 10:44 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: Brooke Coleman
Subject: NY Times Ad: Obama Own Worst Enemy on Climate?

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Brooke Coleman, 857.719.9766

**Obama Could Be Own Worst Enemy on Climate, Warns
AEC and BIO in New Full Page *New York Times* Advertisement**

Administration's Proposal to Fundamentally Alter Renewable Fuel Standard Will Shift Investment

Overseas

WASHINGTON, DC — A [new full page advertisement](#) in today's *New York Times* tells President Obama that if his administration accepts the EPA's proposal to fundamentally alter the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)—a decision the President is expected to make soon—he “will have inadvertently done more to damage [his] climate legacy than [his] worst enemies.”

The ad warns that the proposal would let oil companies off the hook for blocking competition from American renewable fuels, and prompt an exodus of investment in cellulosic ethanol—the world's cleanest motor fuel—to China and Brazil.

Running in the *New York Times* today, the message coincides with “The People's Climate March” and the beginning of Climate Week.

The EPA's ill-conceived proposal to gut the RFS comes just as the nation marks the arrival of commercial scale cellulosic ethanol production with four new facilities opening this year. In the ad, the Advanced Ethanol Council and Biotechnology Industry Organization caution President Obama that investments in additional cellulosic production beyond these four plants will likely shift overseas if the President adopts the flawed methodology of the EPA proposal, regardless of whether he decides to actually raise the renewable fuel targets in the rule.

A pdf of the ad is available [here](#). Text of the ad is below.

Headline: Is the President's worst enemy on climate ... himself?

Text:

“Dear Mr. President,

“When the federal government implemented the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) a little more than six years ago, America's innovators listened. Companies like Abengoa, INEOS Bio, and POET-DSM invested billions of dollars developing cellulosic biofuel — the cleanest, lowest carbon motor fuel in the world — and the first commercial plants came online earlier this year.

"But these companies now have a problem no one anticipated.

"Your Administration is proposing to change the RFS rules in the middle of the game with a brand new methodological approach that allows oil companies to avoid their obligations under the law by simply refusing to distribute renewable fuel to consumers. You will have inadvertently done more to damage your climate legacy than your worst enemies.

"To be clear, our companies are not going to fail in the mission to commercialize cellulosic biofuel. But America will fail to lead the charge if your Administration lets oil companies off the hook. And papering over the problem by increasing the RFS targets this year will not prevent the exodus of investment to China and Brazil.

"When you announced power plant rules to combat climate change earlier this summer, you said that we need builders to hammer into place the foundations for a new clean-energy era.

"We agree. And we stand ready to back you.

"But handing landmark Clean Air Act programs like the RFS over to oil companies is not going to drive investment or give low-carbon industries like ours confidence that the United States is committed to innovation and addressing climate change.

"Mr. President, your legacy requires protecting the RFS."

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To: Tom Buis[tbuis@growthenergy.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Wed 8/6/2014 6:01:27 PM
Subject: Following up on our Chicago conversation

Tom—

Last we talked about the confusion about whether current retail stations are or are not compatible with E15. I looked into this and learned that there is considerable uncertainty surrounding the actual compatibility of underground storage systems (USTs) with E15.

While it is true that most new underground tanks are E15 compatible, other parts of the UST system are not necessarily. We believe many stations may not have full documentation on what type of UST equipment they have installed. If they did not specifically request compatibility with >E10, they will have difficulty determining whether all the underground components are or are not compatible with E15. Most stations selling E85 today did make this request for their systems, and almost all E15 stations today are also E85 stations.

For those retailers who know what UST equipment they have, assistance is available to demonstrate compatibility. Industry groups and certain States have set up websites containing manufacturer letters of compatibility. We (EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks) have also set up a website to assist retailers. I also learned that the EPA's Underground Tank Office's 2011 guidance on how to demonstrate E15 compatibility will be formalized in an upcoming final rule (this may not be news to you).

If the station knows it has compatible UST equipment, our experts believe that the costs of upgrading the above ground equipment can be minor (~\$3,700 to retro fit one pump stand to dispense E15, less if part of a normal maintenance cycle). If the station doesn't know if it is compatible and concrete has to be broken to replace UST components, then the additional cost could range from as little as around \$5,000 (say if the upgrade is only one simple connection), to over \$100,000 if you need an entirely new tank/pump/system (this isn't for the whole station, just for one tank and one pump stand).

I hope this is helpful.

Chris

To: Tom Buis[tbuis@growthenergy.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Tue 7/29/2014 7:39:43 PM
Subject: Re: Chicago

Around 430?


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Original Message
From: Tom Buis
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 12:21 PM
To: Grundler, Christopher
Subject: Chicago

Can you give me a call re: Chicago?

To: Tom Buis[tbuis@growthenergy.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Wed 7/23/2014 12:37:51 AM
Subject: Re: Chicago proposal

Of course. I'm otherwise occupied this evening so Tomorrow would be best for me. I have gaps in my schedule from 930-10 and from 1-2, if that works for you

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Can we talk?

From: Grundler, Christopher [mailto:grundler.christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 5:18 PM
To: Tom Buis
Subject: Chicago proposal

Tom,

Thanks for letting us know about the Chicago initiative. Our quick reading of the bill is that it would require stations that sell E85 in Chicago to also sell E15. Is this your understanding?

In addition to exempting stations that sell less than 500k gallons/yr, the bill also provides an exemption for filling stations "at which the underground storage tanks are not compatible"

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The issue is in doubt for service stations that don't currently offer a gasoline blend over E10. They would need to check their documentation to determine whether their UST equipment is compatible or not. Our experience is many do not have complete documentation.

The current ILL code that the bill references states that any UST that is capable of handling straight gasoline is also capable of handling any blend E21 or less. This seemed odd to us so

staff talked to the Division director of the ILL UST office, who relates that the text should read E10 and below. He recognizes the confusion that the error in their regs will cause and said they would correct it ASAP.

Can you share the latest status of your Prime the Pump campaign?

Chris

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To: Tom Buis[tbuis@growthenergy.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Tue 7/22/2014 9:17:50 PM
Subject: Chicago proposal

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To: Brian Jennings[bjennings@ethanol.org]
Cc: Stewart, Gwen[Stewart.Gwen@epa.gov]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Tue 7/15/2014 2:54:41 PM
Subject: RE: ACE conference

Brian---I have a 30 minute window from 1:30 – 2, which is yours if you want it. Pls confirm with Gwen Stewart, my assistant, if this works

Chris

From: Brian Jennings [mailto:bjennings@ethanol.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 9:45 AM
To: Grundler, Christopher
Subject: RE: ACE conference

Totally understand. Do you have time to meet with Ron Lamberty of ACE and I tomorrow? Early afternoon would be ideal for us, something like 1:30 or 2.

Brian

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From: Grundler, Christopher [<mailto:grundler.christopher@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 5:37 PM
To: Brian Jennings
Subject: Re: ACE conference

Brian,

I am seeing who might be available (and that I don't need to help me with the final standard decision push)

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From: Brian Jennings
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2014 5:19 PM
To: Grundler, Christopher
Subject: RE: ACE conference

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I'm pretty booked Tuesday, July 15 but so far fairly free on Wednesday, July 16, will give you a call.

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From: Grundler, Christopher [<mailto:grundler.christopher@epa.gov>]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2014 4:12 PM
To: Brian Jennings
Subject: Re: ACE conference

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Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2014 4:51 PM

To: Grundler, Christopher

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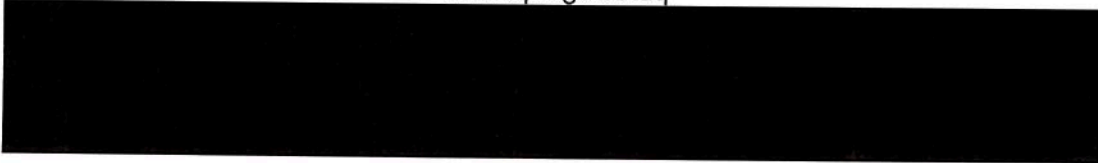


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Sent: Mon 7/14/2014 10:37:10 PM
Subject: Re: ACE conference

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From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Sat 7/12/2014 9:11:37 PM
Subject: Re: ACE conference

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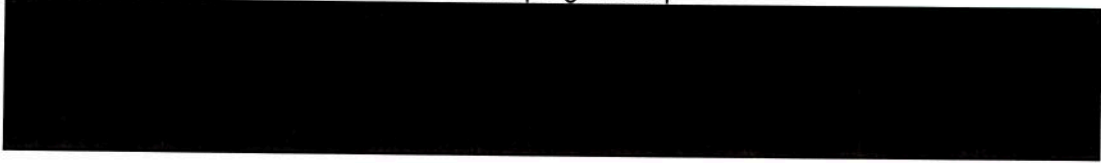
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To: Tom Buis[tbuis@growthenergy.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Tue 6/24/2014 9:53:13 PM
Subject: Tier 3

Tom, in case you are interested , the final rule does include a discussion of vehicle manufacturers' ability to petition EPA for an alternative emission test fuel, for example a higher octane or ethanol blend, if certain conditions related to use and availability are met. That text is in section IV of the preamble, starting at the bottom of page 23528 of Federal Register volume 79, April 28, 2014.

Chris

To: Tom Buis[tbuis@growthenergy.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Tue 6/24/2014 8:34:14 PM
Subject: Automakers can certify at higher blends

Tom—I confirmed that the final Tier 3 Rule includes an option for automakers to certify vehicles that operate on higher level ethanol blends. I will et you the CFR cite. This information was passed on previously to Jeff Holmstead, fyi

Chris

From: Tom Buis [mailto:tbuis@growthenergy.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 10:17 AM
To: Mccarthy, Gina; Grundler, Christopher
Subject: New e15 Retailer Program
Importance: High

Attached is a description of a new retailer grant program, Prime the Pump, to assist retailers with infrastructure costs of offering e15. Let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Thanks.

Tom Buis, CEO

Growth Energy

To: Christopher Hessler[CHessler@ajw-inc.com]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Mon 6/16/2014 9:51:15 PM
Subject: Re: dinner

I don't recall that....i am in Ann Arbor and palm beach this week

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Chris,

We had talked about grabbing dinner this week. Are you still open tomorrow (Tuesday) night?

Chris

Christopher Hessler

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To: Brooke Coleman[BColeman@advancedethanol.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Tue 4/22/2014 11:52:39 PM
Subject: Re: API's stance on biofuels mandate marked by 'absurdity,' ethanol group says

Excellent points!

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Good god ... I couldn't stomach the latest ...

----- Original message -----

From: POLITICO Pro Whiteboard
Date: 04/22/2014 6:35 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Brooke Coleman
Subject: API's stance on biofuels mandate marked by 'absurdity,' ethanol group says

4/22/14 6:34 PM EDT

The American Petroleum Institute's statements attacking the Renewable Fuels Standard are all over the map, Advanced Ethanol Council Executive Director Brooke Coleman says.

"The absurdity of the American Petroleum Institute's positioning on the Renewable Fuel Standard is starting to come to light," Coleman said in response to a statement API issued today after EPA decided to lower the 2013 cellulosic biofuel volume mandate.

API said the agency's move shows that the RFS isn't working, and that "it's time for Congress to stop the insanity" and repeal it.

Coleman said the oil industry group needs to make up its mind.

"One day API claims that the RFS is an inflexible standard that requires them to do things they cannot do," Coleman said. "When EPA waives the oil industry's obligations for 2013, with the administrative flexibility API says doesn't exist, API then says that flexibility is the problem and its existence is evidence that the RFS is unworkable."

"The RFS is not insane, as they claim, but it appears to be driving API insane," Coleman added.

— *Erica Martinson*

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To: Brooke Coleman[BColeman@advancedethanol.org]
From: Grundler, Christopher
Sent: Wed 4/16/2014 1:24:05 PM
Subject: Got your message

Paul A is out all week and Paul M was out all last week. We are not ignoring you. We are, however, running very fast. Will call you later about next week. I am not in DC next week